# DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

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#### I. PREAMBLE

The Faculty of the Department of Industrial Design subscribes to the principles of scholarly and academic freedom, and shared governance, as elaborated in the Faculty Senate Constitution, recognizing the central role of cooperation in collegial decision-making among members of the university community. The organization and operations described herein are subordinate to the Governance Document of the College of Design, the Faculty Senate Constitution, the Statutes and By-laws, of Iowa State University of Science and Technology, and the policies of the State Board of Regents as outlined in the Faculty Handbook.

# II. DEFINITION OF DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES AND FUNCTIONS

This section of the document defines the governance functions and procedures of the Department of Industrial Design faculty; including membership, departmental faculty meetings, and the committees of the department.

#### A. Membership

#### **Voting Members of the Faculty and Staff**

Voting members include all Department of Industrial Design (IND D) tenured, tenure-eligible, term faculty and faculty on FPDA, except where defined otherwise in the Governance Document. All IND D Departmental professional and scientific, and merit staff are voting members in situations as designated in this document. Visiting faculty and instructors, teaching or research assistants, collaborators, affiliates, are **not** members of the voting faculty and do **not** vote.

#### B. Chairperson

The Chairperson (Chair) is appointed by the Dean to a term normally of five years. The role of the Chair is described in Appendix B of the College of Design Governance Document. In addition, the Chair assesses the performance of temporary, non-tenure-eligible, adjunct and tenure track faculty and recommends contract renewal following the procedures outlined in Appendix E and with advice from the departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee. The Director of Graduate Education (DOGE), Director of Undergraduate Education, (DOUE) and Departmental Coordinators serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

#### C. Departmental Faculty Meetings

#### **Definition of a Quorum**

Motions requiring a vote of the faculty, or a vote of the faculty and staff will, whenever possible, be published in the agenda for the college faculty-staff meetings. A quorum made up of a simple majority of voting members must be present to conduct a vote on any motion. If there is not a quorum present, a ballot will be sent to voting members of the faculty, or faculty and staff. **Except for approval of amendments to the Department of Industrial Design Governance Document**, a simple majority of votes cast will be required for approval of motions voted on by the faculty, or by faculty and staff.

1. The faculty of the Department shall meet at **least** monthly each semester, from August through May. Dates of meetings will be published at the beginning of each semester. The number of departmental faculty meetings, their dates, and the agenda will be established by the Chair in response to issues raised by administration, faculty, staff and/or students. Robert's Rules of Order will be invoked, if necessary, in conducting departmental

meetings. Decisions taken at meetings of the faculty and departmental committees will follow Robert's Rules of Order unless other specific decision-making procedures have been adopted. Any member of the faculty may demand a secret written ballot on any vote. The Chair, or his or her designate, will preside over regularly scheduled departmental faculty meetings. Taking attendance and minutes (and their distribution) at departmental faculty meetings will be the responsibility of the departmental administrative support staff in lieu of such staff those will be the responsibility of the Chair or the Chair's Designate. In addition to the normal faculty meetings there shall be at least one annual departmental retreat to assess the current state of the department, plan the future direction of the department, take care of "housekeeping" and air general concerns.

- 2. The **purpose** of departmental faculty meetings is to serve as the forum for conducting the business of the faculty, reports and announcements, and decisions on matters of general concern to the Industrial Design faculty.
  - a. Items that *require* **voting faculty** *review and action* include the following: degree programs; curriculum requirements and content; academic standards and procedures; departmental mission, planning and governance statements; systematic evaluation of departmental offices and officers; policies and procedures regarding the status of faculty regarding appointment, re-appointment, advancement, promotion and tenure; and granting of degrees and honors.
    - 1) Items that *require* **voting faculty** action, shall be presented and put on the floor at one meeting and for vote at the next meeting in order to allow ample time for review.
  - b. Items that *may require* **voting faculty** review include those that would have a department-wide impact upon academic programs, faculty, or students; such as the use of physical and budgetary resources, initiatives dealing with outreach, and policies affecting the academic life of students.
    - 1) Items that *may require* **voting faculty** action, may be presented and voted upon at one meeting so long as they were listed on the agenda and distributed to the faculty not fewer than *three* days prior to the meeting in order to allow adequate time for review.
  - c. Items for **discussion**. The departmental faculty meeting shall also serve as the forum for faculty members to initiate discussion on any subject deemed to be in the interest of the department.

- 3. a. Motions to be brought before the **voting faculty** may be made by the Chair, committees of the department, or any member of the voting faculty. *Motions are required to be seconded* for further consideration. A majority of those voting at a departmental faculty meeting may determine if a motion should be put to the voting faculty for consideration.
  - b. Motions requiring a vote of the faculty will, whenever possible, be published in the agenda for departmental faculty meetings. Except for the decision to put a motion before the **voting faculty**, a quorum made up of a simple majority of **voting faculty** must be present to conduct a vote on a motion. If there is not a quorum present, a ballot will be sent to **voting faculty**. A simple majority of those **voting faculty** casting ballots will be required, in either case, for approval of motions before the faculty. An *abstention* does not constitute a cast ballot.

#### D. Committees

- 1. Department faculty appointments to **university and college committees**, unless otherwise specified, will be made by the Dean, after consultation with the College Liaison Committee, the College Councils when appropriate, and the Chair.
- 2. Industrial Design Advisory Council. If formed, the Industrial Design Advisory Council meets at least once annually to consider major issues concerning the department. Members of the council are named by the Chair with the consensus of the Industrial Design Department voting faculty. Members of the council are from among graduates and friends of the department and may also be nominated by the Industrial Design faculty, or current and past members of the Industrial Design Advisory Council. The faculty member currently serving as Academic Affairs Coordinator is a member of the Council. If there is no Academic Affairs Coordinator at that time in the INDD department then that member will voted on by the faculty. The membership shall be discussed and agreed upon by the faculty of the Department of Industrial Design. Annual meetings may be held electronically if the majority of the department faculty agrees in a vote held by the first departmental meeting of the Spring semester in which that Advisory Council meeting is to be held.

**Departmental committees** are responsible to the faculty and the Chair and play an important role in planning, recommending, and implementing policy related to specific areas of concern. They provide a mechanism

whereby faculty, individually and collectively, participate in the policy decisions and actions of the department. Departmental committees consist of standing committees and ad hoc committees. Standing committees have ongoing areas of responsibility as defined in this document. Ad hoc committees have temporary responsibilities for one-time tasks. Ad hoc committees are organized and their responsibilities defined by the Chair. Departmental committees may include faculty, staff and, where identified, student members.

- a. Standing Committees of the department are identified and defined in the following listing. Standing Committees may receive specific charges, in addition to their stated responsibilities, from the Chair. Committee members are elected by the faculty or appointed by the Chair, as prescribed herein.
- b. Elections to committee membership may involve run-off elections in order to assure a majority choice of voting faculty casting ballots. Membership to an elected departmental committee will be, unless otherwise noted, for a three-year period. Initial appointment or elected terms will be staggered to provide for continuity in committee membership.
- c. Given the number of faculty members and the number of elected and appointed committee and representative positions within and beyond the department to be filled, a person may be elected or appointed to more than one position.
- d. There are student members of appointed committees. Student members are appointed by the Chair from nominations received from the Student IDSA chapter of Iowa State University or from the Industrial Design student body at large as appropriate.
- e. Chairpersons of Standing Committees will be elected by committee members unless by right of office as outlined below.
- f. Standing Committee Chairs will provide a brief verbal report of any current actions or current discussions at each faculty meeting in order to keep the faculty current on issues pertaining to that committee.
- g. Standing Committees will provide annual reports to the Chair and to the faculty of the department.
- 3. The Committees of the Department:

a. Curriculum Committee The Curriculum Committee will consist of a minimum of four (4) Faculty members, including the DOGE and DOUE. The membership will be voted on by the faculty in INDD. The committee has the responsibility to refine and recommend curricular requirements and policies suggested by the Graduate and Undergraduate Program Committees if such exist separate from the general faculty, the substantive area committees, and to develop and recommend curricular requirements and policies for approval of the Departmental Faculty. They are also to consider suggestions and requests from the Departmental Faculty at large when those suggestions are brought up during the faculty meetings or retreats. The term of service shall be three (3) years. (staggered terms)

The Curriculum Committee may also appoint ad hoc committees to study particular issues.

- 1) The Departmental representative to the CoD Academic Affairs Council, or what currently stands as that body, shall be the Chair of the Curriculum Committee. If the staggered terms do not match, the departmental Council representative shall remain on the Curriculum committee *ex officio*, without vote until the Collegiate term ends.
- 2) The substantive area committees may study particular issues and generate curricular suggestions.
- b. **Promotion and Tenure Committee.** If formed, the three to five members of the departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee are comprised of at least one from each tenured rank (associate & full professor), and are elected from among and by the **voting faculty**. The tenured members serve staggered three-year terms following the academic year: August 16 to May 15. The Chair may not stand for election or appointment to the Promotion and Tenure Committee. Persons being considered for promotion and/or tenure and persons with a conflict of interest with respect to a candidate may not serve on the committee during the semester of review and recommendations of their case.

Conflict of interest (COI) in this case is defined as any Committee member who is married to, or a spouse, domestic partner, significant other of, or related by marriage or family to the Candidate. Additionally, it may consist of someone who stands to gain personally from the advancement of the candidate. This will include the official faculty mentor. This definition is subject to any definitions by the University or Regents. The University definition of COI is listed in Appendix G of this

document.

- 1) 100% of the Committee members from the tenured ranks shall participate in all deliberations, advisory opinions, and votes of the committee regarding promotion, tenure and advancement for any rank at or below that member's current rank or position as suggested in the Provost's Best Practices. If, because of faculty membership size, there are not enough committee members currently at a particular needed rank for a particular case or a particular vote, then those additional temporary members may be found from other appropriate departments ONLY within the College of Design as is dictated by the CoD governance document and upon nomination and vote of the general Industrial Design faculty as per above paragraph. Their term shall expire at the end of the that particular case and needed votes as provided for in section 4.a,b,c (Special Membership Elections below).
- 2) Departmental representative to the CoD Faculty Development Council shall be elected from among and by the members of the departmental P&T Committee, and shall be a full professor in accordance with the College Governance Document unless one does not currently exist within the department. In such case, a representative from the next lower rank shall be elected until such a time a faculty member in the department advances to the required rank of Full Professor (Professor). If the staggered terms do not match, the departmental Council representative shall remain on the P&T committee *ex officio*, without vote until the collegiate term ends.
- 3) The departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee conducts evaluations of candidate scholarship, teaching, advising, research/creative activities, extension/professional practice and institutional service performance, and:
- a) Conducts comprehensive reviews of faculty candidates being considered for promotion, tenure or advancement and recommends actions related to their promotion and tenure, and advancement as outlined in Appendix D, Procedures and Standards for Promotion, Tenure, and Advancement Review.
- b) Upon annual vote by the faculty, annual reviews will be assessed by the INDD Promotion and Tenure Committee, and a report from that committee shall be provided to the Department Chair. In this case the role of this committee and its report are advisory to the Chair. The Faculty may also vote to have only the Chair assess the annual reviews, in which case the INDD Promotion and Tenure Committee shall not take part.
- c) Conducts comprehensive reviews and prepares advisory evaluations of probationary tenure-track faculty and adjunct faculty

during their third year, lecturers during their third year; and reviews of continuing adjunct faculty and senior lecturers not less frequently than the university policy for post tenure review of tenured faculty.

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Threshold evaluation rubric for P&T and PTR is to be created by the P&T committee according to best practices of the department and university and voted on by INDD faculty. All rubrics will meet or exceed the university and College minimums for each particular rank, tenure and promotion level for tenure eligible and NTE as the case may be.-- FUTURE Decision as to listing rubric here or not.

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#### 1) Special Membership Elections

- a) Elections shall be conducted for temporary replacements for persons who step down from service due to conflict of interest (as defined above or in Appendix G) with a tenure, promotion or advancement candidate. The duration of the term shall be limited to the fall semester during which the case is being considered. The elected replacement shall serve for all cases being considered during that term.
- b) Elections shall be held to elect replacements for persons who are advanced or promoted out of their rank or who are unable to complete their term; or who are on leave; or who resign. In order to maintain staggered terms, the replacement faculty shall be elected to complete the terms of the persons they are replacing in same rank or position.
- c) Elections shall be held to elect temporary replacements for members of the committee who are being considered for tenure, promotion or advancement. The duration of the term shall be limited to the fall semester during which the case is being considered. The elected replacement shall serve for all cases being considered during that term.
- c. Faculty Search Committee. The Faculty Search Committee will include at least four members. The Chair will appoint a diverse panel including persons at the various ranks of assistant, associate, and full professor at the time a search is to be conducted. Searches shall be conducted for tenure-track positions. The Chair will be responsible for lecturer position appointments. Responsibilities of the committee include assisting the Chair in the definition of needed positions, the recruiting and interviewing of prospective faculty candidates, and recommending candidates for faculty membership to the Chair. The Chair will then advance the recommendation from the short list provided by the

Committee. If during the process of the review of search candidates, there is a conflict of interest, that search committee member shall be replaced immediately upon discovery.

- d. **Hires.** All initial hires for tenure-track faculty and lecturers, appointments or reappointments of <u>more than one year duration</u> at any rank or tenure status, and reappointments of probationary faculty, lecturers, and senior lecturers require the advice of the Search Committee, the Departmental Cabinet, and/or Promotion and Tenure Committee as appropriate to the situation.
- e. **Graduate Programs Committee.** The members of the Graduate Programs Committee consist of grad level faculty and are appointed by the Chair. The committee is chaired by the Director of Graduate Education. Responsibilities of the committee include the implementation of the graduate curriculum, program development, recruiting and admissions, and the recommendation of curriculum changes to the departmental curriculum committee and voting faculty.
- f. Undergraduate Program Committee. The Year Level Coordinators, if instituted, and additional faculty members as appointed by the Chair constitute the Undergraduate Program Committee. The committee is chaired by the Director of Undergraduate Education. Responsibilities of the committee include the implementation of the undergraduate curriculum through the coordination of studio and lecture courses, program development, and the recommendation of curriculum changes to the departmental curriculum committee and voting faculty.
- g. **Research and Outreach Committee.** If this committee is instituted, the members of the committee are appointed by the Chair. The committee is chaired by the Academic Practices Coordinator if one is appointed. Responsibilities of the committee include the review and development of research and outreach opportunities and facilities in coordination with college and university activities.
- h. Scholarships and Awards Committee. The members of the committee are appointed by the Chair. The committee is chaired by the Advising Coordinator. The responsibilities of the committee include the development of awards opportunities and to identify the roster of recipient students.
- i. **Faculty & Staff Awards Committee.** This committee may also be the same committee as the Promotion and Tenure Committee if deemed

appropriate by the Faculty and the Chair of Industrial Design. If a separate committee, the members and committee chair are appointed by the Chair. The committee responsibilities include nominating faculty & staff members for recognition at the college and university level, for alumni and regents recognitions and other faculty recognitions. The committee also works with the nominees to develop documentation for those recognitions. Ad hoc faculty members may be selected to assist with these activities. Any member of the faculty may propose another faculty member for an award. The chair of the departmental Faculty Awards Committee shall represent the department on the College Awards Committee.

j. Industry Engagement and Sponsored Projects Committee: The chair of this committee shall serve as the coordinator for class and studio sponsored projects and chair that committee in order to alleviate any conflicts and confusion as to those sponsors and projects. S/He creates the paperwork regarding the industry agreements and works with the graduate and undergraduate program committees for assigning the projects.

## C. Elected Representatives of the Department

The **voting faculty** of the department shall elect representatives conforming to required rank, appointment and term of service by majority vote of the **voting faculty** casting ballots for the following offices, except as otherwise noted. Runoff elections will be held between the top two candidates in a tied voting result until a majority vote is reached:

- a. Departmental representative to the CoD Liaison Council
  - b. Departmental representative to the CoD Academic Affairs Council shall be Chair of the Departmental Curriculum Committee.
  - c. Departmental representative to the CoD Student Affairs Council shall be appointed by the Chair.
  - d. Departmental representative to the CoD Faculty Development Council shall be elected from among and by the members of the departmental P&T Committee, and shall be a full professor in accordance with the College Governance Document unless one does not currently exist within the department. In such case a representative from the next lower rank shall be elected until such a time a faculty member in the department advances to the required rank of Full Professor (Professor).

- e. Departmental representative to the CoD Services and Facilities Council (Operations Council) shall be appointed by the Chair.
- f. Departmental Senator to the Faculty Senate shall be elected from and by the Departmental faculty. The IDSA Advisor is elected by the faculty to represent our department at regional meetings of the IDSA regional and national conferences. They will also serve as the advisor to the departmental student chapter of the IDSA. The Advisor may be the Departmental Chair if desired by the Faculty.

# D. Vacancies In Appointed and Elective Committee and Representative Positions

Vacancies in unexpired terms may occur in appointed and elected committee and representative positions as a result of resignations, retirements, non-renewals, conflict of interest, FPDA's and other forms of leave.

- a. Vacancies to appointed positions shall be filled with alternate faculty appointed by the Chair.
- b. Vacancies to elected positions shall be filled by faculty elections as noted in this document for the position, with the following exceptions:
  - Vacancies of up to one academic year for the departmental representative to the Faculty Senate, the CoD Liaison Council and the ACSA Councilor may be filled either by vote of the faculty or appointment by the Chair.

Vacancies of more than one year are to be filled by faculty elections.

# III. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR TENURE ELIGIBLE FACULTY PROMOTION, TENURE, AND ADVANCEMENT ACTIONS

- A. The Department of Industrial Design has developed standards and procedures for the awarding of promotion, tenure and advancement that have been approved by the faculty, the Dean of the College of Design and the University Provost. These standards and procedures are consistent with college and university promotion, tenure, and advancement policies, but set standards and procedures within the context of faculty and mission of the department. The promotion and tenure standards and procedures are listed in Appendix D of the Department of Industrial Design Governance Document.
- **B.** Within six months after arrival of a new faculty member as an assistant or associate professor, the Chair, in consultation with the new faculty member, will ask another faculty member from within the Department of Industrial Design to serve as a **mentor**. In certain cases, the mentor may come from a department external to INDDifboththe faculty member and the Chair agree that it is in the best interest of that faculty member. If both faculty members (the mentor and the mentee) agree to the arrangement, the mentor's responsibilities will include introducing the new faculty member to the university and its operations, an annual meeting with the candidate to review and discuss professional activities and growth, and assistance in reviewing and offering suggestions for improving documentation for promotion and/or tenure. It is the responsibility of the new faculty member to seek out the advice of the mentor as needed. If either the mentor or faculty member wishes to end the relationship, the Chair is contacted in writing and a new mentor may be selected.
- C. Procedures and timeline for tenure eligible and promotion of tenured faculty are found in APPENDIX D: PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION, TENURE, AND ADVANCEMENT REVIEW of this document.

# IV. EVALUATION, RENEWAL, AND ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES FOR TERM FACULTY MEMBERS

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#### 5.1. Overview

Term faculty positions are term appointments eligible for renewal based upon the quality of performance and the continuing need of the department with which they are affiliated. The Department follows the College of Design follows term faculty appointment policies as described in the Faculty Handbook Section 3.3.2. Department chairs are responsible for selecting, reviewing, and renewing term faculty appointments, consistent with the principles of shared governance, and in accordance with each department's governance document. This purview includes all personnel carrying out instructional duties providing course credit.

## 5.2. Appointment of Term Faculty Members

### **5.2.1.** Term Faculty Appointments

The criteria for term faculty appointments are described in the Faculty Handbook Section 3.3.2.1. They are subject to approval by the dean and the Senior Vice President and Provost.

# 5.2.1.1. **Reporting**

Each year the chair will submit a report of the amount of term-faculty teaching and loads as well as the optimal target for the Department to the Dean of the College of Design who will incorporate this information into the College report to the Faculty Senate as spelled out in the College of Design Governance Document. Refer to Faculty Handbook, Section 3.3.2.1.

# 5.2.1.2. Titles for Term Faculty Appointments

The following term faculty titles will be available for use within the College of Design:

**Teaching Faculty Title and Ranks:** Lecturer, Assistant Teaching Professor, Associate Teaching Professor, and Teaching Professor.

The primary responsibility of teaching faculty is to contribute to the teaching mission of the university. These positions must include a

significant element of instruction; additional responsibilities may include advising, curriculum coordination, leadership of multi-section classes, and other responsibilities related to the teaching mission.

**Practice Faculty Title and Ranks:** Assistant Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, Professor of Practice.

Practice faculty must have significant relevant professional experience outside of academia that qualify them to <a href="make-a-contribution"><u>make a contribution</u></a> to instruction and/or advising. Their primary responsibility is teaching in their area of professional expertise and related institutional and professional service.

**Clinical Faculty Title and Ranks:** Clinical Assistant Professor, Clinical Associate Professor, Clinical Professor.

Clinical faculty provide or oversee the delivery of professional services to individual patients or clients, and to teaching students, residents, or fellows of the university at the undergraduate, graduate, professional, or postgraduate level. They are expected to integrate the delivery of their professional services with their teaching.

**Research Faculty Title and Ranks:** Research Assistant Professor, Research Associate Professor, Research Professor.

Research faculty primarily engage in externally-funded research, and they must have opportunity to move toward research independence. At least 10%, but no more than 20% of research faculty member's salary shall be paid from the general fund.

**Adjunct Faculty Title and Ranks:** Adjunct Assistant Professor, Adjunct Associate Professor, Adjunct Professor.

Adjunct appointments may be appropriate in facilitating the University's quest to hire and retain excellent faculty, including dual-career couples, as well as to carve out new areas of academic expertise, and attract experts on extramural grants and contracts.

These titles are defined in the Faculty Handbook (section 3.3.2.2).

### *Note on distinguishing teaching faculty and practice faculty:*

Practice and teaching faculty both have a primary responsibility of teaching and related service. The teaching titles are appropriate where the primary qualification is academic. The practice titles are appropriate where the primary qualification for the position is professional experience that is not academic in nature. Practice faculty may also have significant service responsibilities unrelated to teaching or advising, but related to their field of professional expertise.

# 5.2.1.3. Lengths of Term Faculty Appointments and Review / Appointment Schedule

The College of Design and the Department of Industrial Design follow the guidelines for lengths of term faculty appointments by rank as described in ISU Faculty Handbook Section 3.3.2.3 and in departmental documents. All reviews and renewals are subject to the same general process as that for tenure eligible faculty.

Although term faculty under contract may serve only one semester or teach one course per year, they will follow a review and appointment schedule based upon years of employment, rather than semesters. Working part-time or for one semester of the school year cannot be held against term faculty during their review, provided the arrangement was agreed upon beforehand.

#### Lecturers

Lecturers are short term teaching faculty appointments and shall have a contract length of one year or less. Such contracts are renewable for up to three years of total service.

After three years of continuous service, lecturers become assistant teaching professors upon renewal and shall have three-year contracts. The change in title and contract length is not an advancement. Renewal reviews are a peer review process with the same procedure as tenure eligible review.

Term faculty at the Lecturer rank require a notice of three months of intent not to renew.

Lecturers must be reviewed according to department procedures and notified of an intent to renew or not renew by Feb. 15 of their third year of employment.

# Assistant Term Professors

Clinical, research, and adjunct faculty at the assistant rank shall have a contract

length of one or three years. After three years of continuous service, subsequent contracts shall be for three years.

Assistant teaching professors shall have three-year contracts.

Assistant term faculty on three-year contracts will be reviewed in the second year of their contract.

Assistant term professors are eligible for advancement to associate after five years of service at the assistant/lecturer rank, including all service under either title.

Term faculty at the Assistant rank require a notice of one year of intent not to renew except when the appointment is only for one year, in which case a notice of three months is required.

### Associate Term Professors

Associate term professors shall have a contract length of three to five years.

Associate term faculty will be reviewed in the year before their contract expires (e.g. the second year for three-year contracts; the fourth year for five-year contracts).

Term faculty at the Associate rank require a notice of one year of intent not to renew.

There is no defined time-line for term faculty advancement from the associate to the professor level.

# Term Professors

Term professors shall have a contract length of five years with renewal reviews conducted in the fourth year.

Term faculty at the Professor rank require a notice of one year of intent not to renew.

# Term Faculty on one-time funds

Lecturer positions may be paid for with one-time funds with college approval.

Assistant Professor of Practice and Assistant Clinical Professor positions may be on one-time funds if their contract is two years or less. Assistant Teaching Professor

positions must be on permanent funds.

## 5.2.1.4. Minimum Qualifications for Term Faculty by Title and Rank

The College of Design establishes the following standard minimum qualifications for term faculty. Refer to ISU Faculty Handbook Section 3.1.3 regarding establishing minimum qualifications at the department level.

### Teaching Faculty:

Lecturer: MID, MFA, PhD or BFA, BID or by special accommodation Assistant Teaching Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD Associate Teaching Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD Teaching Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD

#### Practice Faculty:

Assistant Professor of Practice: bachelor's degree plus 5 years of relevant industry experience

Associate Professor of Practice: bachelor's degree plus 10 years of relevant industry experience or five years of academic experience beyond the requirements for assistant professor of practice and record of contribution/recommendations to the field

Professor of Practice: bachelor's degree plus 15 years of relevant industry experience or five years of academic experience beyond the requirements for associate professor of practice and a record of substantial contributions/recommendations to the field.

#### Clinical Faculty:

Clinical Assistant Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD or by special accommodation

Clinical Associate Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD Clinical Professor: terminal degree, e.g MID, MFA, PhD

#### Research Faculty:

Research Assistant Professor: terminal degree, doctoral degree, MID, or by special accommodation

Research Associate Professor: terminal degree

Research Professor: terminal degree

### Adjunct Faculty:

Adjunct Assistant Professor: doctoral degree or by special accommodation

Adjunct Associate Professor: doctoral degree

Adjunct Professor: doctoral degree

In addition to the minimum degree or professional experience requirements listed

above, for an initial hire of a term faculty member at the associate professor or professor rank, the following minimum requirements are defined for titles of term faculty:

Associate Professor: a record of successfully contributing to the mission of the university as defined by the PRS or a record of contributions in the professional field and promise further academic and professional development

Professor: a record of proven excellence in the primary responsibilities identified in the PRS and effectiveness in other areas of the PRS, or a record of demonstrated substantial contributions to their professional field

### 5.2.1.5. Roles and Responsibilities in Governance of Term Faculty

As part of the general faculty, term faculty participate in faculty governance as defined by the Faculty Handbook in Section 3.3.2.4. Term faculty employed by the university will have full voting rights in shared governance activities at the department level (any restrictions, such as voting on promotion and tenure decisions, must be documented in departmental governance documents). Voting rights of non-salaried faculty appointments must be described in departmental governance documents.

All term faculty shall have a departmental home and a Position Responsibility Statement (PRS). Each department hiring term faculty shall include provisions defining instructional responsibilities, search and appointment processes and review, renewal and advancement procedures in its governance document consistent with the Faculty Handbook.

#### 5.2.1.6. Faculty Titles No Longer Allowed for New Appointments

No new appointments may be made using the titles: continuous adjunct, Senior Lecturer, Clinician, and Senior Clinician. Refer to Faculty Handbook section 3.3.6.

Evaluation, Renewal, and Advancement of Term Faculty Appointments

#### 5.2.2. General Policies and Procedures

The policies and procedures described in the Faculty Handbook Section 5.4.1.2 for evaluation, renewal, and advancement of individuals with term faculty appointments shall be followed by the department.

Grievance and appeals procedures for advancement are found in the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 9.

# 5.2.3. Review of Renewal of Appointment

Term faculty appointments are eligible for renewal based upon the quality of performance and the continuing need of the department. Department governance documents must outline the process, timelines, and procedures for conducting peer evaluations of term faculty. This includes expectation standards for performance, required documents, and submission deadlines and composition of the faculty committee conducting the review. It is expected that term faculty of equal or greater rank will participate in the review process. The outcomes of these reviews shall inform appointment renewal decisions.

Term faculty renewals will occur according to college and university timelines to ensure adequate notice as mandated in the Faculty Handbook. See Section 5.2.1.3. in this document for renewal schedules.

### 5.2.4. Review for Advancement

See Section 5.2.1.3. in this document for advancement schedules and Section 5.3.4. for general advancement criteria.

### Department Review

Department governance documents must define the process for evaluation of advancement of term faculty that include expectations for performance, required documentation and deadlines, and the procedures for evaluation. Governance documents must define the composition of the faculty committee conducting the evaluation, and the role of term faculty in selecting and/or participating on the evaluation committee. Term faculty of equal and/or higher rank are included in the evaluation process as are tenured faculty if such exist. The faculty evaluation committee will submit a written recommendation to the department chair regarding the request for advancement. The department chair will make an independent evaluation of the advancement case informed by the faculty evaluation committee.

The chair will explain to each candidate in writing both the faculty evaluation committee's recommendation and the chair's recommendation before these are submitted to the college. The chair may decide to support or not support the advancement.

If the chair's decision is to support the advancement, the chair will submit the evaluation committee's recommendation and the chair's letter of recommendation to the dean.

Advancement of term faculty should follow the academic year deadlines as defined for tenure eligible faculty (see APPENDIX D: PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION, TENURE, AND ADVANCEMENT REVIEW at the end of this document.) Department chair should submit advancement requests to the college by March 1.

# College Review

The dean will make an independent evaluation of the advancement case informed by the department evaluation. The dean may seek input from the college leadership team or may appoint a faculty committee to review the materials and make a recommendation. College tenured faculty and term faculty at or above the rank being considered shall be eligible to serve on the committee.

The dean will inform each candidate in writing before the college's recommendations are submitted to the provost for approval. The dean may decide to support or not support the advancement request.

Faculty who are not being recommended for advancement will be informed by the dean in writing. This information should be presented in a constructive manner and, where appropriate, should include guidance for improving performance in terms of the college's criteria for advancement.

Faculty who are supported for advancement will be forwarded to the provost.

### 5.2.5. Advancement Criteria for Term Faculty

# Advancement to Associate Teaching Professor

To be eligible for promotion to associate teaching professor, the faculty member must also have (see FH 3.3.2.3):

- o a record of successfully contributing to the teaching mission of the university as defined in their PRS
- o promise of further academic and professional development.

# Advancement to Teaching Professor

To be eligible for promotion to teaching professor, the faculty member must have:

- proven and sustained excellence in the primary responsibilities identified in their PRS, and
- o shown effectiveness in any other areas of their PRS. (see FH 3.3.2.3)
- To advance to rank of teaching professor the Department and the College of Design expects faculty members to have made substantial contributions to the mission of the university beyond routine classroom teaching. Examples of contributions supportive of advancement include, but are not limited to:
  - A record of significant curriculum improvement and development
  - Course or program coordination for multi-instructors
  - Substantial student service (e.g. advising individual students and student

- organizations, mentoring, service on graduate student committees, leading learning communities)
- A record of substantial and meaningful service to the department, university, or profession.
- Leadership role in a department, the college, or university
- A record of involvement in department life and responsiveness to department needs
- Career contributions to the professional field are not required but may support advancement to the rank of teaching professor when related to the PRS. Career contributions will not offset deficiencies in PRS performance.

# Professor of Practice Track

Advancement based on the PRS shall follow standards similar to those for teaching professors above. The PRS does not have to require that practice faculty continue professional practice.

- In addition to the type of contributions mentioned for teaching faculty, the following are example of ways a practice faculty member might support a case for advancement
  - Interaction with internal and external audiences
  - Mentoring students or connecting them to professional opportunities
  - Significant professional service to the university

Practice faculty who maintain professional roles beyond their faculty appointment may also advance with a record of contributions in their professional field that would merit an appointment to a higher rank.

# Research Professor track

Advancement for research faculty requires a level of scholarly productivity and independence as tenure-stream faculty of the same rank in their field. (FH 3.3.2.2)

- The Department and the College of Design expects research faculty members to have made significant contributions to the mission of the university beyond the narrow administration of
  - their grants to advance to the rank of research professor. In addition to the type of contributions mentioned for teaching faculty, the following are examples of ways a research term faculty member might support a case for advancement:
    - Supervising graduate students
    - Serving on graduate committees
    - Service on university committees that evaluate grants or grant proposals

External letters are required for research faculty to advance.

# Adjunct Professor track

Adjunct faculty typically are not focused on one area of faculty responsibility such as teaching or clinical activities. Advancement of adjunct faculty is based on demonstrated excellence in their area or areas of responsibility, which may fall under research/extension/professional practice / teaching / other.

Adjunct faculty seeking advancement to the rank of adjunct professor need to have contributed to the mission of the university beyond routine administration of their position responsibilities, as with the other categories of term faculty.

# Clinical Professor track

Any department wishing to appoint a clinical faculty member will need College approval of its criteria for appointment, renewal, and advancement prior to any faculty search/appointment.

Clinical faculty seeking advancement to the rank of clinical professor need to have contributed to the mission of the university beyond routine administration of clinical and teaching responsibilities, as with the other categories of term faculty.

# The PRS must be written to allow term faculty the opportunity to make a reasonable case for advancement

Department chairs and term faculty must negotiate position responsibilities, as mutually agreeable, that over time can support a case for advancement. Term faculty may participate in PRS mediation process.

Evaluation, Renewal, and Advancement of Other Term Appointments

The evaluation, renewal and advancement of other term appointments shall follow the policies described in the Faculty Handbook, specifically:

Professional and Scientific (P&S) term appointments: a person employed in a P&S position and assigned term faculty responsibilities shall be evaluated in accordance with the procedures governing term appointments for that portion of their responsibilities related to their term appointment. See the Faculty Handbook Section

5.4.1.4.

- **ï** Continuous adjunct appointments: faculty on continuous adjunct appointment are eligible for review for promotion in accordance with university promotion policies and procedures. No new appointments may be made using this title. See the Faculty Handbook Section 5.4.2;
- **ï** Visiting appointments: visiting appointments are not renewable. See the Faculty Handbook Section 5.4.3.;
- **ï** Teaching Assistants: department governance documents shall contain guidelines for the evaluation of teaching assistants consistent with the Faculty Handbook Section 5.6.1.

# V. PRINCIPLES FOR FACULTY APPOINTMENTS, RENEWAL, EVALUATION AND MERIT REVIEW

A. Principles for faculty appointments, PRS development, contract renewal, evaluation and merit review are outlined in the College of Design Governance Document. At the discretion of the Chair and the INDD faculty, other documents may be used for evaluation of the faculty as a replacement for the College evaluation form outlined in COD governance Document. The INDD Faculty will decide annually whether the Faculty Annual Review will be held with the Promotion and Tenure Committee or with the Chair. Post tenure reviews of tenured faculty will be held by a committee of departmental faculty of which two (2) members are chosen by the faculty member to be reviewed and one (1) chosen by the Chair of the Department. The Chair may opt for all three (3) to be chosen or recommended by the faculty member to be reviewed.

# VI. POLICY FOR FACULTY EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- **A.** The Departmental Chairperson is reviewed by the Dean with the assistance of the departmental faculty, normally in the penultimate year of the contract. The review of Associate Chairpersons, the Director of Graduate Education and the Director of Undergraduate Education are conducted by the Chair as part of annual faculty evaluations. Ad hoc committees may be identified by the Dean or the Chair to assist in the evaluation of performance and development.
  - 1. Reviews of the Departmental Chair result in the following outcomes: a self-assessment prepared by the administrator and office; a performance evaluation of the administrator and office by the Dean; and the provision for formal consultation involving the Dean, the Chair and the departmental

faculty.

Following this appraisal, the Dean and the Chair discuss the results, thus providing an opportunity for exchange of ideas that would be of benefit to the Chair, the department and the college.

# VII.POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING THE GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT

Proposed amendments to the Departmental Governance Document, including the Appendices, may be requested by the Chair or by one third of voting members of the faculty.

- 1. Proposed amendments are submitted to the Chair for inclusion on the agenda of the succeeding departmental faculty meeting. At that meeting, the proposed amendment will be presented to the faculty.
- 2. At the next departmental meeting, a simple majority of those **voting faculty** present and casting votes shall be required for the proposed amendment to be submitted to the entire **voting faculty** for vote by written ballot.
- 3. Two thirds of **voting faculty** casting ballots must vote in the affirmative for passage of an amendment to the Governance Document and Appendix D.
- 4. Amendments to the other Appendices are accomplished through a majority of the **voting faculty** casting ballots.
- 5. An abstention does not constitute a cast ballot.

#### VIII. APPENDICES

#### APPENDIX A: MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Industrial design is structured creative activity resulting in products, systems or services that meet a specified commercial objective. It requires human sensitivity, empathy, artistic sensibility, technical competence and business acumen. As such, the Department of Industrial Design (INDD) is a comprehensive center for teaching, research, entrepreneurship and public service in Industrial Design. The department is an element of the College of Design and, together with the departments of Integrated Studio Arts, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community and Regional Planning, forms a unique and innovative interdisciplinary environment. Further, the Department of Industrial Design has unique and symbiotic relationships with departments across the university including but not limited to the College of Engineering, the College of Business, Liberal Arts and Sciences and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Ames Laboratories. It is these relationships that further contribute to the strength and unique position of the Department nationally. Although all academic programs are grounded in the requisites of the profession, each is distinctly different. The four-year undergraduate program positions Industrial Design as an armature within a broad-based field of studies. The graduate program is a unique environment entailing professional, post professional and research-based tracks allowing the student to explore special areas of interest in addition to the core curriculum in Industrial Design as it applies to theory, research and/or practice.

At all levels, the department is committed to the study of Industrial Design as a cultural discipline where the multiplicity of social formations is studied in services, products and systems, and the environmental effects are enfolded through explorations of manufacturing, object, material, form, ethics, empathy and use. The complexity of design, production, raw materials, the health of the greater society and of the environment and creative/innovative thought, research and practice are mirrored in an intentionally diverse, free thinking student body and faculty dedicated to the exchange of ideas. The department is further dedicated to a mutually beneficial working relationship with industry that benefits the students in the form of projects, work related learning experiences, and advancements in Industrial Design. In all cases the furthering of benefits to the students and faculty research while maintaining academic and scholarly freedom overrides all other considerations.

The department adheres to and supports the University policy regarding discrimination and harassment. The policy may be found at

http://www.policy.iastate.edu/policy/discrimination/

#### APPENDIX B: GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

- **A. Teaching/Advising** The Department of Industrial Design offers both undergraduate and graduate programs leading to the accredited professional degrees of Bachelor of Industrial Design (BID) and Master of Industrial Design (MID).
- **B.** Research/Creative Activity The Department of Industrial Design pursues research opportunities that benefit individual faculty and that foster interdisciplinary design explorations. Applied research addresses questions pertinent to the profession, the academy, and the communities we serve.
- C. Extension/Professional Practice The department of Industrial Design subscribes to the concept of integrated outreach whereby faculty and students undertake design explorations that have the multiple objectives to advance knowledge, educate students and serve the diverse communities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

APPENDIX C: ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

- A. The administrative organization outlined here describes the roles and responsibilities of administrators in the Department of Industrial Design. Faculty members are appointed to these positions by the Chair, unless otherwise noted, to serve in these administrative capacities in addition to their teaching/advising, research/creative activities, extension/professional practice, and institutional service activities. In some cases, these positions may not yet exist or may be considered as part of the role of existing positions. The Chair, upon consultation and agreement with the Departmental Faculty, will decide when the size of the Department warrants such positions and/or such separation of roles.
  - 1. The Chair shall annually appoint or re-appoint persons to all the positions listed in this Appendix in paragraphs C through L.
  - 2. The Chair may appoint other faculty members to assist with departmental administration. Examples of these positions are: Intern Development Program Coordinator and Liaison, CORE Advisor, IDSA Advisor, and Module Coordinator. The portfolio of these and similar positions varies as determined by the Chair.
  - 3. The term of service for these appointments is neither fixed nor limited, Appointees serve at the pleasure of the Chair, and may resign or step down at any time with reasonable notice given.
- **B.** The Chair serves at the pleasure of the Dean. The role of the **Chairperson**, the Department Executive Officer, is described in the College of Design Governance Document. The Chair is responsible for staffing, budget, and program development.
- C. The **Academic Affairs Coordinator** serves on the Departmental Cabinet and works with the Department's Industrial Design Advisory Council.
- E. The Director of Undergraduate Education (DOUE) serves on the Departmental Cabinet, chairs the Undergraduate Program Committee, leads the development and implementation of the Bachelor of Industrial Design (BID) curriculum, and is responsible for assisting with second year admissions, new student orientation, and advising. The Director will also work with the Department's Industrial Design Advisory Council.
- F. The Director of Graduate Education (DOGE) serves on the Departmental Cabinet, chairs the Graduate Program Committee, leads the development and implementation of the Master of Industrial Design (MID) curricula, and is responsible for assisting with graduate admissions, new student orientation, and advising. The Director will also work with the Department's Industrial Design Advisory Council.

- **G.** The role of the **Advising Coordinator** is primarily to advise incoming and first year students as well as to coordinate the advising of students in subsequent years of the undergraduate program. The Advising Coordinator also serves on the scholarship and awards committee.
- **H.** The role of the **Professional Development Coordinator** is to develop and conduct continuing education programs for the advancement of practicing professionals within the state of Iowa.
- I. The role of the **Year Level Coordinators** is to develop interrelationships among studio, other courses, and modules at each year level including course content, scheduling and field trips. They work closely with the Director of Undergraduate Education.
- J. The role of the **Fabrication Lab Coordinator** is to develop studio experiences appropriate to studio level objectives, coordinate the activities of the several sections at each level. The Coordinator's role is to oversee that operation of the INDD Fabrication Lab, including safety, training, maintenance, advancement of the lab capabilities, etc. He or she will also serve as a contact for INDD with the University Hub ResourceCenter.
- L. The **Departmental Cabinet** serves in an advisory capacity to the Chair with respect to his/her roles and responsibilities. The Cabinet assists with staff assignments, scheduling, general development of academic standards, planning, and management of physical facilities, and any other matters of departmental importance that may be requested by the Chair. The Cabinet also specifically serves as the search committee for Lecturers.
  - 1. Membership is comprised of the DOUE, DOGE, and the Year-Level Coordinators.
  - 2. The college first-year CORE Director, regardless of departmental appointment, shall be invited to be an *ex officio* member. If that person does not have an Industrial Design department appointment and declines the invitation to serve, the First-year Level Coordinator for the department shall be a member.

# APPENDIX D: PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION, TENURE, AND ADVANCEMENT REVIEW

The ISU Faculty handbook, the College of Design Governance Document and the Departmental Procedures and Standards deal with promotion, tenure, and advancement matters. Faculty questions or concerns regarding promotion and tenure standards and procedures should be reviewed with the DEO, faculty mentors, and/or the College of Design Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Departmental procedures and standards are as described in the departmental document approved on May 2014 but are subject to the Documents of the College of Design and of Iowa State University.

#### TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW for Tenured, Tenure-Track and Term Faculty

- 1. **September 15:** Chair to notify probationary tenure-track faculty of upcoming review.
- 2. **December 1:** Tenure Track faculty intending to apply for Tenure and/or Promotion shall notify the Department Chair in writing.
- 3. **Before March 1:** Chair will initiate the review process for the subsequent year. Candidates for tenure review and faculty interested in promotion consideration will meet individually with the Chair.
- 4. April 1: Chair and the candidate to determine the external reviewers, and the request to be sent.
- 5. May 30: Candidate 'external review documentation' to be sent to external reviewers.
- 6. **August 1:** Reviews by external professionals and letters from collaborators and ISU colleagues to be received by the Chair.
- 7. First day of fall semester classes: Candidate review documentation to be submitted to the Chair.
- 8. **September 20:** Department Promotion and Tenure Committee review to be completed with recommendation(s) submitted to the Chair.
- 9. **October 10:** Chair recommendations to be completed and candidate notified.
- 10. October 15: Chair to forward candidate's documentation and recommendations to the college.
  - Dates for college committee review to be completed; recommendations to be submitted to the dean; dean's review to be completed; recommendations to be submitted to the provost and candidate notification will be determined and announced by the university and college administration.
- 11. **Before May 15:** or no later than established in *The Faculty Handbook; whichever occurs first:* Candidate receives official notification of action taken by the university.

As indicated above, Tenure Track faculty intending to apply for Tenure and/or Promotion shall notify the Department Chair in writing by December 1 of the academic year previous to the year in which that faculty member is to be reviewed for Tenure or Promotion by the College of Design Faculty Development Council (FDC) (previously the Promotion and Tenure Committee).

The Outside Review Packages shall be ready for mailing and mailed by the Department Chair to the outside reviewers by May 30 of the spring before the fall of the FDC review. If agreeable to the both the Chair and the Candidate, the Outside Review Packages may be uploaded to CyBox or the University equivalent for download, inspection and review by the External Reviewers.

#### **Process:**

External Reviewers shall be selected by the Chair and remain anonymous to the Candidate. The Candidate is to recommend up to four (4) External Reviewers. The Chair shall pick up to two (2) of those reviewers suggested by the Candidate. The rest are at the choosing of the Chair, who may at their discretion solicit INDD Gov-rev-2019\_March 12, 2019.docx

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nominations from other faculty. At total of no less than four (4) and no more than six (6) External Reviewers shall be selected. In the event that none of the Candidate's suggestions are able or willing to serve, then, the Chair may select all the candidates or solicit suggestions from departmental faculty. The External Reviewers should have no conflict of interest as defined by the University, the College of Design or this Governance Document. In the case of Tenure and Promotion review, the Reviewer should not have had a substantial working relationship with the candidate including grants, research and publication or have served as a **major professor to that candidate**. In all cases when responding with a written report and evaluation of the review materials, the Reviewer shall state his or her relationship with the candidate or if they in fact have met them. In such cases, they will briefly describe how they know the Candidate. Simply having met and spoken with the Candidate shall **not** be reason to dismiss that Reviewer.

During and before the review, regarding the process, the Candidate shall not have contact with nor shall they ask the potential reviewer if they would be willing to serve. Nor shall the Reviewer have direct contact with the Candidate. That is under the purview of the Chair of the Department. All questions and answers shall pass between the Candidate and the Reviewer through the Department Chair.

**Materials:** submitted to the Outside Reviewers are at the discretion of the Candidate, the Department Chair and the Candidate's Faculty Mentor in consultation with one another. Those materials will include any and all materials that provide a complete and fair picture of the Candidate.

Among those materials will be but not limited to:

- a) A complete chronological CV listing and delineating the accomplishments of the Candidate. Listings should distinguish those accomplishments since the last position or advancement from those prior.
- b) Examples of Scholarly writings, or images of creative works, clients, reviews, grants, personal research discussion, etc.
- c) Courses taught, explanation of the course content, student numbers and any syllabi, examples of student work/outcomes, course evaluations, a cross section of student comments.

Beyond a, b, and c above, it is to the discretion of the candidate in consultation with the Department Chair and the Candidate's Faculty Mentor as to what to include in the Outside reviewers' packet.

The letter written to the Reviewers shall be from the Department Chair and will

introduce the task, explain the requirements <u>at Iowa State University</u> for tenure and the rank applied. The Reviewer shall be asked to <u>NOT</u> state whether or not the Candidate would meet the requirements at the <u>Reviewer's</u> institution.

The Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee shall meet, review and return their opinion to the Department Chair by September 30 of the fall in which the College FDC is to review the candidate.

# APPENDIX E: GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND MERIT SALARY ALLOCATION

The procedures for annual review and merit salary allocation are outlined in the College of Design Governance Document and correlated sections of the ISU Faculty Handbook. The format of the annual Faculty Activity Report will be as specified by the Office of the Dean at the discretion of the Chair and the faculty and adapted to the needs of the Department.

For the Department of Industrial Design, the Promotion and Tenure Committee provides advisory evaluation based upon review of Annual Reports at the discretion and annual agreement of the Chair **and** the faculty. The faculty's decision regarding whether the annual review will be evaluated by the Promotion and Tenure Committee or only the Chair **will take precedence** over that of the Chair.

The deadline for each faculty's review materials submission to the Chair shall be April 1 or the following Monday if that date falls on a weekend.

#### APPENDIX F: FACULTY CONDUCT AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

As outlined in "Faculty Conduct Policy" and "Faculty Grievance Procedures" of the ISU Faculty Handbook.

#### APPENDIX G: ISU DEFINITION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### **Definitions**

- Conflict of Commitment: An external activity with the potential to reduce the time and attention an employee can devote to his/her university responsibilities, and thus negatively impact his/her performance of assigned university duties, constitutes a "conflict of commitment."
- **Conflict of Interest:** Any external activity, significant financial interest or management role that has the potential to negatively impact objectivity in the execution of university duties is a "conflict of interest."
- **Consulting:** The term "consulting" refers to professional services to a non-university entity that are not a part of the employee's position responsibilities.

- External Activities: For the purposes of this policy, "external activities" means service and/or organized activities/employment which require a substantial and regular commitment of time, whether compensated or not, for a non-university entity. This term excludes scholarly activities undertaken as a part of the employee's position responsibilities.
   Immediate Family Members: For purposes of this policy, an "immediate family member" refers to spouse and dependent children. Domestic partners shall be treated as spouses for purposes of this policy. The definition is different in policies related to nepotism and purchasing.
   Management Role: Management role refers to a position in a non-university entity with oversight over or responsibility for the entity's strategies and/or operations. Examples include director, scientific director, board
- Non-University Entity: The term "non-university entity" includes for-profit or not-for-profit entities outside of the university, such as corporations, companies, partnerships, sole proprietorships, associations and governmental entities (federal, state or local). The term excludes affiliated entities which act for the benefit of the university (such as the Board of Regents, Alumni Association, ISU Research Foundation, ISU Foundation or the like).
- **Professional Activity Leave:** Supervisor-approved leave granted to faculty and P&S staff for external activity such as consulting.
- **Significant Financial Interest:** A "significant financial interest" is any financial interest that has the potential to compromise an individual's objectivity. The dollar value that is considered "significant" for the purposes of this policy is determined by the relevant federal or state law, or agency policy. See the <u>Procedures.</u>

  <u>Applications, and Guidance</u> for dollar values specific to each situation. Significant financial interest includes, but is not limited to:
  - o Equity ownership or stock options. Excepted are equities held in retirement accounts or mutual funds.
  - Sole proprietor, partner, owner or member of a partnership or limited liability for-profit entity (includes remuneration from private consulting activities).
  - Consulting substantially related to patented or patentable intellectual property in which the employee
    has an interest.
  - Consulting for an entity that has a financial interest in or sponsors the employee's university scholarly activities.
  - Ownership of, or rights held in, intellectual property or research materials (which may include rights to receive royalties), the value of which may be affected by the outcome of the employee's university activities. Excepted are intellectual property and research materials held by ISURF.
  - O Any of the above applicable to the employee's spouse and/or dependent children.

University Employee: University employees for the purposes of this policy include all full-time and part-time faculty, professional and scientific staff, merit staff, contract employees, graduate assistants, and post-doctoral scholars. For the purposes of this policy those persons designated as emeritus faculty who receive sponsored funding through the university and those persons with uncompensated faculty rank, such as affiliates, collaborators, and visiting faculty are considered university employees; casual hourly employees are not considered university employees. The definition of employee is different for conflict of interest vendor and nepotism policies. See Resources below.

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